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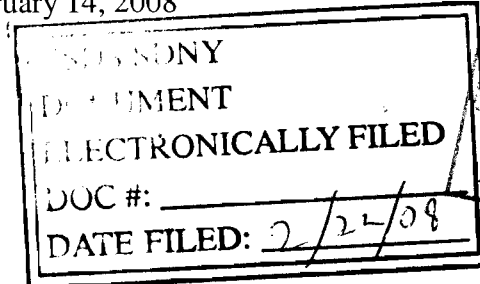
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February 14, 2008

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1310
New York, NY 10007



RE: Darrell Byrd v. George B. Alexander
08-Civ-0070 (LAK)

Your Honor:

I am currently assigned to handle the District Attorney's response to petitioner's *habeas corpus* petition in the above matter. Our response is due on February 22, 2008. I am writing to request an extension to file our Answer on or before March 28, 2008. Respondent has not requested any extensions prior to this one, and petitioner's attorney has consented to this requested date.

I am currently assigned three direct appeals of criminal convictions, one of which is that of an incarcerated defendant. I am also responding to two post-conviction motions in state Supreme Court and the Appellate Division. Additionally, I am assigned another *habeas corpus* petition in the Southern District. Accordingly, I respectfully request that this Court adjourn the date for our response to March 28, 2008. I have enclosed a stipulation to enlarge respondent's time to respond to the agreed-upon date. If your Honor will need to contact me, I can be reached at (718) 590-7997. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMO ENDORSED
Granted

SO ORDERED

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, USDJ
2/21/08